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MURDERED BY BRIGANDS.

State Councillor and Railroad Conductor Killed—Murderers Captured by Cossacks.

(Associated Press.)

Odessa, Dec. 9.—Word has just been received here of the murder of State Councillor Gedevanoff by brigands. The state councillor incurred the enmity of a band of brigands operating in the Caucasus by his energetic work against them. The band accordingly appointed three of their number to put the obnoxious official out of the way. The three men boarded the councillor's train at Baku, murdered the conductor and then hacked the councillor with axes. Cossacks captured the brigands a few days later. Their trial will shortly be held at Tiefilia.

CHARGED WITH FRAUD.

Company Promoters Have Been Taken Into Custody.

(Associated Press.)

Brussels, Dec. 10.—Two brothers, Aime and Auguste, and their brother-in-law, Gooman, bankers, who have floated companies to the value of many millions in France and Germany, have been arrested on the charge of fraud and obtaining money under false pretences.

JUMPED FROM WINDOW.

Signor Polaire, an Italian Minister, Commits Suicide at Milan.

(Associated Press.)

Rome, Dec. 10. — Signor Polaire, Italian minister at Sofia, committed suicide at Milan yesterday. He threw himself out of a window of a hotel. The minister had been suffering for some time past from nervous debility.

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FITZSIMMONS'S CHALLENGE.

Decides to Re-enter the Ring and Will Fight Any Man in the World.

(Associated Press.)

Portland, Ore., Dec. 10.—Robert Fitzsimmons and James J. Jeffries gave a sparring exhibition here last night, and before going on the stage Fitzsimmons declared his intention of re-entering the ring. He said: "I am willing to fight any man in the world, bar nobody. I did intend to quit the ring after my fight with Jeffries, but I am as good a man to-day as ever I was, and better than any other fighter that I know of, except the present champion."

Jeffries and Corbett.

San Francisco, Dec. 10.—James J. Corbett, through his brother, Harry Corbett, has deposited $2,500 with Samuel Thall, temporary stake holder, to secure a fight with James Jeffries before the club offering the best inducements. The fight is to take place next May or June.

DISPUTE SETTLED.

(Associated Press.)

Denver, Col., Dec. 10.—At midnight last night it was announced that the meeting between the proxy committees of the conflicting interest in the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company had reached a compromise, and everything had been amicably settled.

FOUR VENEZUELAN WARSHIPS SEIZED

BY COMBINED GERMAN AND BRITISH FLEETS

They Have Been Towed Outside the Harbor of La Guayra—The Ultimatum.

(Associated Press.)

Caracas, Dec. 10.—At 4 o'clock this afternoon the combined German and British fleets seized and towed outside the harbor of La Guayra all the vessels which were then there. These were the warships General Crespo, Totumo, Ossuett and Margarita. The ships were manned by 390 men.

The news of the capture of the warships is not generally known at the capital. Great excitement will undoubtedly prevail when it is announced.

It is said on good authority that the captain of the British cruiser Retribution this afternoon sent a special courier from La Guayra to Caracas with an ultimatum for compliance with the note deposited yesterday by the British and German ministers at the home of the foreign minister before their departure from Caracas. It is said the ultimatum gives a maximum of 48 hours in which Venezuela is to accede.

The note, it is said, requests the immediate cash payment of $34,000 each to Great Britain and Germany, and a settlement of claims arising from past revolutions by a mixed tribunal, the same as the last agreement made with France. It is also said that the British minister at the last moment failed to present claims except for $40,000, but his demand is not duly supported by legal documents and facts, and is considered absurd.

Another Gunboat Seized.

London, Dec. 10.—The admiralty has received information of the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboat Bolivar at Port of Spain.

Left to Commander.

London, Dec. 10.—7.20 p. m.—No information of an official character has been received at the foreign office from Venezuela, everything being left to the commanders of the British fleet, who received explicit instructions as to what course they shall pursue.

Claims Against Republic.

New York, Dec. 10.—The principal British creditors whose claims are to be enforced by the ultimatum against Venezuela are, according to the Tribune correspondent in London, harbor improvement companies. Some of these companies complain of defaults of interest guaranteed by the Venezuelan government, and another corporation which took up an issue of bonds claim that a considerable amount of unpaid interest is due it. There are also claims for damages to railways and other property from war losses, and also for unpaid charges for freight on the government's account. The British claims in the main are based on government defaults or negligence, and are not uncollected private or business debts.

The German claims are larger in amount and more varied in their nature, and the responsibility of the Venezuelan government for the redemption of the obligations is less obvious in certain section account.

There are no intimations here of the accounts either of the French or the American claims which must be considered also. The precautions taken by the United States in ordering a strong fleet to the Venezuelan coast does not escape attention. This is considered a sign that the Washington authorities are on their guard against the taking of too drastic measures on the part of either Germany or England for the collection of a debt from a weak power distracted with revolution European nations have been financing railways and harbor improvements schemes in South America for half a century, but they have not been accustomed to depend on naval demonstrations for the collection of defaulted interests.

No News at Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The foreign office here had not received up to noon anything from La Guayra since Monday evening, when Charge D'affaires von Pilgrin Baltazzi cabled that he had gone on board the Vineta. The officials here have no confirmation of the announced arrest of all the German and British subjects at Caracas and are therefore disposed to discredit the statement. They say that possibly a few Germans and Englishmen have been arrested under some pretext by President Castro, but the foreign office authorities consider it extremely doubtful that he would permit the arrest of all the Germans and Britishers at Caracas.

Time Limit Expires.

London, Dec. 10.—In the House of Commons to-day, Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne said the government had no official information of the seizure by the Venezuelans of 200 British and German subjects, or of the seizure of the Venezuelan warships by the fleets of Great Britain and Germany.

Lord Cranbourne added that the British claims which necessitated coercion will be fully disclosed by papers to be laid before the House. They include a demand for compensation for interference with trading vessels, the imprisonment and ill-treatment of British subjects and the destruction of property. The under secretary asserted that the government will follow precedent of the enforcement of analogous claims.

Replying to Mr. Bryce, Liberal, Lord Cranbourne said the British minister at Caracas had been instructed to wait until after the presentation of the ultimatum, and failing to receive a reply to proceed to La Guayra, where he was to wait another 24 hours on board a British ship. The period expired last night Unless in the meantime a concession had been received it was necessary for His Majesty's government to take forcible action. The government had not yet been informed that such action had been taken.

At the foreign office the arrest of the British subjects is thought to provide against their ill-treatment.

FISHERIES COMMISSION.

Labors to Be Resumed on the Pacific Coast.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Hon. R. Prefontaine will be asked on his return here by British Columbia representatives to have the fisheries commission proceed to work again on the Pacific coast. The vacancy on the commission caused by the death of Mr. Maxwell will probably be filled by the appointment of Mr. Geo. Riley, M. P. Mr. Prince, who is chairman, will visit the coast. All that remains to be done is to inquire into the operation of traps on the Sound with a view to some recommendation being made by the commission in respect thereto. It is understood Senator Templeman has recommended that the commission complete its work in time for a final report being made before next session of parliament.

The Fielding Banquet.

Sir F. Borden, Hon. A. G. Blair and Hon. W. Paterson left to-day for the Fielding banquet. Hon. M. Prefontaine joins them at Montreal.

Appeal Dismissed.

The Supreme court to-day dismissed the appeal of J. A. C. Ethier, sitting member for Two Mountains. The seat therefore becomes vacant. The Laval case goes to trial.

RECIPROCITY.

Convention at Detroit Attended By Delegates From Various States and Canada.

(Associated Press.)

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 10.—"We are here for mutual profit to get thoroughly aroused over this question of reciprocity so we can go home and do some effective work to bring about the reciprocal relations which we want," said N. C. Staver, of Chicago, as he took charge of the National reciprocity convention which opened here to-day. There were present nearly 100 delegates from the Northern territory of the States and several from Canada.

F. D. Smith, president of the Detroit Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor W. C. Maybury, welcomed the delegates. A committee of resolution was appointed.

At the afternoon session Governor A. B. Cummins spoke on "Reciprocity and the Tariff Question."

FOR THE TRANSVAAL.

British Government Has Purchased 100,000 Horses and Mules in the United States.

(Associated Press.)

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Major Eckersly, of the British army, passed through Memphis last night for Lathrop, Mo., where the British government concentrated 100,000 mules and horses, which have been purchased to restock farms in the Transvaal. The shipment of the animals will begin on January 15th. Major Eckersly says it is the intention of the government to make a second purchase of equal size when the present movement is ended.

BARRY JOHNSTONE DEAD.

Actor Who Shot Kate Hassett Has Succumbed to Self Inflicted Injuries.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—After lingering for nearly a week Barry Johnstone, the actor, who last Monday night shot himself after killing Kate Hassett, a member of Keith's Bijou theatre stock company, died to-day at the Hahnemann hospital. Death resulted from peritonitis. At Johnstone's beside when he died were his two sisters and two brothers, his mother having returned to her home in Syracuse, N. Y., yesterday. The actor's body was sent to Syracuse this afternoon for burial.

AWARD TO SEALERS.

Russia Willing to Pay, But Objects to Principle Laid Down By Prof. Asser.

London, Dec. 9.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Morning Post says the Russian government is by no means satisfied with the Behring Sea award, which the Dutch jurist, Prof. Asser, gave in favor of the United States on November 29th. It does not object to paying the stipulated sum, but it objects entirely to the principle of the award whereby Russia is not allowed to chase trespassers beyond the limit of her territorial waters.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Many Persons Reported to Have Perished in Germany.

(Associated Press.)

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The extremely cold weather prevailing in Germany in connection with the hard times is causing much suffering. Many persons have been frozen to death in the western industrial provinces, and also in the northeastern provinces.

STABBING AFFRAY IN JAPANESE SHOP

ORIENTAL PUNCTURED BY KNIFE IN FOREARM

Prosecution Will Continue the Look Den Case—Detective Sergant Palmer on Witness Stand.

A Japanese named Sum last night stabbed a fellow countryman in the arm with a penknife and is now in jail awaiting the sentence of the court, which will likely be imposed on him to-morrow morning. It appears that he and a number of other Japanese who live over a barber shop on Government street, near Herald, got involved in a dispute which went through several evolutions until fists and finally a knife were used. Sum was the man who drew the latter, and Nakamuro was the victim. The latter was stabbed in the forearm. The onlookers then concluded that the affair was getting serious so they leaped in and separated the combatants. The police were notified and the belligerent Sum was taken into custody. Dr. Robertson was summoned and attended the wounded man's injuries.

Sum faced the magistrate in the police court this morning. He looked still in fighting trim, while his coat was off. There wasn't much fight in him, however, that is as far as the charge against his was concerned, for he pleaded guilty.

Dr. Robertson gave evidence as to Nakamuro's wound, which consisted of a cut about an inch and a half long on the outside of the forearm. The wound was not a serious one. The case was adjourned until to-morrow morning, when the amgistrate will probably inflict the penalty. The knife drawn by Sum was a common pocket knife.

The prosecution has not dropped the Look Den case by any means. When it was called this morning Frank Higgins, prosecuting counsel, announced that he intended to go ahead, so the defence put Detective Sergeant Palmer in the box. The sergeant told of going down to Look Den's on the day of the assault and of asking Look Den who cut him. The latter replied that he didn't know.

Mr. Higgins objected to evidence of statements made by Look Den in the presence of the detective on the ground that the wounded man had not been asked when giving his testimony if he had made them. The magistrate overruled the objection. He pointed out that while the admission may not be strictly regular, the interests of justice demanded that it be received. A note was made of the objection.

Continuing, the sergeant stated that Look Den had told him that the light was down low at the time of the attack and he couldn't see. He also questioned the younger wife, Jung Shee, through an interpreter, in another room, but she replied that she knew nothing about the attack. She had been tired attending to her household duties and large family and therefore slept soundly. They then arrested the accused about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but did not charge him because they had no evidence against him. They took him into custody to guard against his escape in the event of his being connected with the crime.

While the witness was at Look Den's house Dr. Hanington came in and the sergeant asked him to question the victim. The doctor did so but all he could elicit from the wounded man was that he didn't know who struck him. Look Den spoke fairly good English. Witness again asked Look Den if he wouldn't tell him who cut him, and he replied "Oh, I don't know, the light was low and I couldn't see." He said he would try to find out and would talk to his wife about it. The slippers that he understood were found in the room after the assault were perfectly dry the next morning, although rain had fallen heavily the night before. They arrested the accused and the woman because it was freely said in Chinatown that they were guilty and the police held them for investigation.

Cross-examined by Mr. Higgins, the sergeant said that he laid the information against Pong Wong on Tuesday evening, November 18th. On the Monday of the attack Look Den appeared to be suffering from its effects. He didn't talk much in the morning but did so quite freely in the afternoon. The witness was told by Chinamen in Look Den's place that the latter would talk more readily if his elder wife, Di See, was arrested. The police got something more tangible to work on after the woman was taken into custody.

The sergeant was examined some time longer and after Constable Clayards had given evidence as to being called to the scene of the attack on November 17th and the finding of the slippers, the case was adjourned.

THE TELEPHONE STRIKE.

Directors of Company Submit Plan For Settlement of the Dispute.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 10.—The directors of the Telephone Company sent for the aldermen to-day and submitted another schedule of wages and a plan of the settlement of the strike. This is being considered at a meeting this afternoon, and will probably result in a settlement before Saturday.

—In the happy days drink John Labatt's Ale.

TO FIGHT DISEASE.

United States Secretary of Agriculture Asks For an Appropriation of $700,000.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to-day appeared before the House committee on agriculture urging the necessity of an emergency appropriation to stamp out the foot and mouth disease in New England. Mr. Wilson estimated that it will cost about $700,000 to stamp out the disease, arrangements having been made with the state authorities to pay 70 per cent. of the value of cattle killed. The committee was also asked to secure legislation which will give the secretary authority after an inspection of stock to give a certificate which will permit of the transportation from one state to another without any further inspection. By a recent decision of the Supreme court cattle may be stopped at any state line.

SURROUNDED.

Commander of Sultan's Forces Says Troops Are Unable to Advance or Retreat.

(Associated Press.)

Madrid, Dec. 10.—A dispatch from Tangier, Morocco, says the commander of the Imperial forces has informed the Sultan that his troops are completely hemmed in by the rebels; that they are unable to advance or retreat, and that hitherto loyal tribes are joining forces of the Pretender.

STEAMER WRECKED.

Seven of the Crew Drowned and Nine Saved.

(Associated Press.)

Antwerp, Dec. 9.—The steamer Flora was wrecked near here to-day. Seven of her crew were drowned and nine, including the captain, were saved.

PREDICTS IMMEDIATE DEFEAT OF MINISTRY

Joseph Martin Sure That Government Cannot Live—John Oliver Expects Appeal to Country.

J. Martin, M. P. P., is in the city today. He has recovered sufficiently to be able to be about by the aid of crutches. He prophesies the early defeat of the Prior government. In no unmistakable manner he announces that it is to be defeated immediately upon the assembling of the House.

C. A. Semlin, he says, will assuredly be elected in West Yale. He will, Mr. Martin says, just as surely oppose the government.

The election of Hon. W. W. B. McInnes in North Nanaimo, he admits, will follow, but the election cannot be regarded as a test of the strength of the government. Mr. McInnes, he admits, was sure to be elected in that constituency, and his victory could not be regarded as due to the prestige of the government.

John Oliver, M. P. P., who is also in the city, does not expect the government to live long. He is looking forward to an early appeal to the country. While the opposition might unite to defeat the government at the opening of the House there is no reason to believe that they would unite upon a policy to carry on the government. He, therefore, expects that the country will be appealed to very shortly.

WIDOW'S SUICIDE.

Her Husband Was Shot Dead About a Week Ago.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Rosa B. Smith committed suicide in the Natick Hotel to-day by taking poison. She was the widow of F. W. Smith, who was shot and killed last week near Sacramento.

Regarding his death she told the following story to the Sacramento police:

"My husband and I were on our way to Sacramento, after a day's fishing in the American river. About a mile from the city limits a man stopped us on the road and said: 'Throw up your hands!' I turned to run and heard my husband cry out 'Murder!' There were two shots. I ran half a mile to a house and got help. We went back and found my husband dead. He had been robbed of a purse containing about $100. My husband was a barber, and I worked with him at the barber trade."

Searching parties scoured the country in the locality of the tragedy, but no clue to the alleged murderer was found. The woman was taken into custody and questioned. She was allowed to go to San Fernando, Los Angeles county, to bury her husband, but was kept under surveillance. Ten days before the murder Smith effected a $1,000 insurance on his life.

Mrs. Smith left notes to relatives denying that she was responsible for her husband's death.

FIVE SCHOONERS ASHORE.

Were Driven on Coast During Blizzard Off Newfoundland.

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 8.—The blizzard is still raging and five schooners, the Ellen James, Arbitrator, Industry, All Right and Rogers have been driven ashore on different parts of the coast. All the crews escaped.

The captain of the steamer Albano, Hamburg for New York, which arrived here yesterday after experiencing hurricane weather in the Atlantic, expresses fear of losses to shipping owing to the recent gales in mid-ocean.

HOISTED CHINESE FLAG OVER MINE

BELGIANS PROTESTED AND TROUBLE FEARED

Great Loss of Life on Yangtse Kiang River—European Victim of Daring Piratical Assault.

According to advices received from Tientsin by the R. M. S. Empress of India, there has been a collision between the Belgians and Chinese in the Orient over the possession of the Tongshan mines. The former, as is well known, carry on mining operations quite extensively in places throughout the Empire. They claim to be largely interested in the Tongshan mines, and when on the 18th of last month an attempt was made by order of Chan Yi-Mow to hoist the Chinese flag over the mines there was trouble. The Belgians attempted to lower the flag, but were prevented from doing so, and the Chinese stationed troops at the mines to see that it was not lowered.

Intense excitement prevailed over the incident when the India sailed, and it was feared that the trouble would result seriously.

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At the Tongshan colliery aterrible disaster occurred. D. Baxter and others are said to have been suffocated, and when the last advices had been sent from Tientsin a Mr. Fife was still imprisoned under ground.

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News is received by the Empress that the order placed with Messrs. S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd., for the construction of ten revenue cruisers for service in the Philippine islands is nearing completion. Five of the little vessels which are intended for maintaining a patrol about the islands are now complete and others are well advanced.

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On the Yangtse Kiang, on the 17th of last month, the high spring tides caused great disaster to Chinese shipping. One boat at the mouth of the river broke adrift and, carried up stream by the currents, soon fouled other junks with the result that a very great number of boats were soon irretrievably mixed up and floating about. The police on the Chinese bund report that 48 native craft were sunk in the trouble, while between forty and fifty persons were reported as missing. The quartermaster on the gangway of one of the foreign men-of-war anchored in the neighborhood reported counting twenty-two bodies floating past the ship during one watch.

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The following story of piracy on the West river is told in the Shanghai Mercury:

On the 12th of November whilst the steamship Kong Nam, Captain Austin, was en route from Hongkong to Canton, a little to the southward of Tiger island, signals of distress from a trading junk were observed. The Kong Nam bore down on her, and ascertained that she had been pirated at 7.30 p. m., when off Cha Si, a village near Tiger island. The pirates, of whom there were about 20, first fired a volley in the air, apparently to frighten the junk's crew, and then they boarded the junk, seized and bound all the crew, and on catching sight of a foreigner exclaimed: "Oh! here's a foreigner; let's kill him, as he can fight ten of us"; at the same time a shower of bullets was poured into him. After ransacking the junk from stem to stern, and taking everything of any value, even to a few live fowls, they began to depart in their dug-out, but not before some of the party suggested throwing the body of the supposed dead man overboard, which however they did not carry into effect, owing to the pleading of the people on the junk. About $1,900 in cash was stolen, besides everything of value they could lay hands on. The junk was boarded by the chief officer, who was accompanied by the chief engineer, of the Kong Nam (the latter having a knowledge of the Chinese language), and they found out on enquiry that the wounded foreigner was an Englishman named Evans, who was for many years the British consul's constable at Canton, and only recently retired on a pension. The Kong Nam then steamed alongside of the junk and the wounded man was transferred to the steamer, where he was attended to by the officers, and his sufferings alleviated as far as it was possible for non-medical men to do.

LEGAL NEWS.

Addresses of Counsel in Santa Clara-Tug Mystery Case.

The taking of evidence in the Santa Clara-tug Mystery case has been finished, and counsel for the opposing parties occupied this morning's session of the court with addresses to the jury, F. Peters, K. C., for Spencer, owner of the Mystery, and E. V. Bodwell, K. C., for the Alaska Packers' Association, of San Francisco, owners of the Santa Clara. Mr. Bodwell's address will be completed this afternoon, and the case left with the jury.

Trial of Milne vs. Macdonnell, the next case, will not commence until to-morrow morning.

The only matter before Mr. Justice Drake in Chambers this morning was a summons for the appointment of a liquidator and directions as to the winding-up of the Lenora-Mt. Sicker Copper Mining Co. This application, however, was adjourned until Monday next.

WHAT TO BUY

At Xmas time is usually a vexing question.

If you are buying for a lady nothing will be more appreciated than a bottle of best perfume. We have all the latest odors by best French, English and American makers.

If for a gentleman, what is more suitable than a pair of military hair brushes? We have a large stock to choose from, at prices which are very reasonable.

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NEW MINISTER WAS RE-ELECTED

HON. R. PREFONTAINE'S MAJORITY NEARLY 2,000

Run Down on Railway—James Rogers, His Wife and Two Sons Killed.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine was elected to-day in Maisonneuve by 4,368 votes, a majority of 1,868 over Labelle (Conservative).

Cold in East.

Bitter cold weather prevails in Eastern Canada to-day. The thermometer at many places ranges from 10 below to 25 below.

Resignation of Dr. Maggs.

Rev. Dr. Maggs, principal of the Wesleyan Theological College, to-day handed his resignation to the board of governors. Dr. Maggs is an Englishman and came out here a couple of years ago to take charge of the institution. The reason given for his retirement is that the climate disagrees with his wife, but it is reported on good authority that there has been considerable friction as well as lack of whole-hearted support which the principal should have received.

Building Destroyed.

A building on Notre Dame street, occupied by Boudreau's hat and fur store, and a number of lawyers' offices, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is $40,000. The firemen had a most difficult task in the intense cold.

Brandon Mayoralty.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 9.—Messrs. F. Nation and J. W. Fleming were nominated for the Brandon mayoralty to-day. J. A. Hobbs and T. Schmidt were named for Morden.

Brilliant Player Dead.

Thomas Grier, billiard expert, and one of Winnipeg's best known sporting men, died to-day.

Remarkable Escape.

Erin, Ont., Dec. 8.—George Bell, of the firm of Bell Bros., flour millers of Erin and Cataract, got his coat caught in the shafting making 212 revolutions a minute on Saturday, and was whirled around and around until every vestige of clothing was torn off his body and he was thrown into a nearby wheat bin. When picked up Bell was unconscious, but examination showed that he had escaped with a few bruises and scratches, but no bones broken.

Four Dead.

Peterboro, Dec. 8.—James Rogers, whose wife and son were killed at Havelock crossing by an eastbound express on Saturday night, was brought to the hospital here, but died soon after arrival. The second son died on Sunday and the little daughter has both jaws broken; and may not recover. Four members of the family of five have been wiped out by the accident.

In the Northwest.

Regina, Dec. 9.—The bye-election for Saskatoon seat in the Northwest legislature was held to-day. Clinchill (Haultain supporter), has 90 majority over Chubb (Independent) with four polls to hear from.

North Ontario Vacancy.

Cannington, Ont., Dec. 9.—Geo. D. Grant, barrister, Orillia, son of Rev. Dr. R. N. Grant, is mentioned in connection with the Liberal nomination for the Commons in North Ontario, made vacant by the death of Angus McLeod.

Ontario Timber Cut.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—According to figures furnished by the crown lands department, it is estimated that over 884,000,000 feet of pine and square timber on crown lands under timber licenses will be cut this year. Over a million rails will be taken out.

Banking in West.

In view of the growth of their Western business, several Canadian banks are considering the advisability of establishing exclusive boards in Winnipeg to deal with matters arising out of Western investments.

SUFFERING AMONG POOR.

Bitter Cold Weather in Eastern States —Fuel Scarce.

New York, Dec. 9.—New York and New England have experienced during the past 24 hours the coldest weather of many years. In this city it was the coldest December 9th in 26 years. The thermometer registered, as it did in that year, 8 above zero. The severity of the cold was intensified by the fact that the people were not prepared for it. Scarcity of coal caused much suffering among the poorer classes, and even those able to afford the luxury of a ton of anthracite, had to use it sparingly. Every effort is being put forth to alleviate the suffering, charitable organizations having taken steps to supply the poor and the board of aldermen have voted to ask an appropriation of $100,000 to buy coal for the poor. The cold in the city was mild, compared with that prevailing in the Northern sections of the state and New England.

Like in New York the situation at Schenectady was made more serious by the scarcity of coal, many families having to face 22 below zero weather without coal to heat their homes. Navigation on the Upper Hudson closed early in the day, steamers which had not winter quarters having to be towed out of the ice. The cold wave struck New England at the same time it arrived in New York. Through Maine the termometer registered from 8 to 20 below, a fall in some places of 40 degrees in 12 hours. Norfolk, Conn., reported a temperature of 23 degrees below zero, the coldest in years. A rise in temperature is predicted by the weather bureau for to-night and to-morrow.

Frozen in Ice.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 9.—A special to the Herald from Oswego says that last night was the coldest there since 1896, 12 below zero. Vessels coal laden for Canada are frozen in. Tugs are trying to release them so that they may sail.

A meeting of laborers, which was being held at Breslau on Tuesday to proclaim their adherence to social democracy, was dissolved by the authorities.

All doubt as to the fate of the barge Celtic on Lake Huron, in the gale of November 30th, was settled on Tuesday when wreckage from the boat came ashore at Thessalon, Ontario. Nine men were lost.

THE OUTLOOK

For a woman's happiness in the married state depends less, as a rule, upon the man she is to marry than upon her own health. The woman who enters upon marriage, suffering from womanly weakness, is "heaping up trouble against the day of trouble."

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CASTRO INTERVIEWED.

Says Venezuela Will Enforce Her Rights —Foreign Subjects Arrested.

Caracas, Dec. 9.—All British and German subjects in Caracas were arrested to-day.

President Castro received the correspondent of the Associated Press at Maraflores Palace to-day, and in reply to questions, the President of Venezuela said:

"The Venezuelan government has not received any ultimatum, properly speaking, but rather simultaneous requests from Great Britain and Germany. The claims Great Britain asks this government to settle are small and up to the present we have not been aware of them. Never having been aware of them, Venezuela has consequently never refused to settle them. Great Britain's action is therefore without justification. The Venezuelan government cannot decide on foreign claims before the revolution has been entirely crushed. At present the government is working for the re-establishment of public order, and other questions must necessarily be subservient to this object. Nevertheless, to prove Venezuela's desire to settle all pending claims in a comfortable manner, the government issued a decree during the last session of Congress, on November 28th, creating a committee to which all pending claims should be referred. No claims have been presented to this committee, and no claims have been rejected. There has been no denial of justice. Why then should foreign chancelleries intervene, thereby ignoring our laws and endeavoring to violate our national sovereignty? We do not understand this action."

The correspondent then said to President Castro: "What do you intend to do in view of the present attitude of the powers?" "Enforce our rights, and explain to the world that Venezuela has laws; prove that we have never denied our engagements."

The President was then asked what reply the Venezuelan government would make to the requests handed it by the German and British envoys? He replied, after reflection: "The Venezuelan government is astonished that after the notes which were transmitted to it by the diplomatic representatives of Germany and Great Britain, these envoys should leave Caracas without awaiting the reply of the Venezuelan government."

The correspondent then asked President Castro what course he intended to pursue should the powers declare a blockade? The President excused himself from answering this question. No ultimatum had been delivered to the Venezuelan government up to 2 o'clock this afternoon. Should Venezuela refuse or fail to reply to the notes of Great Britain and Germany, it is believed that an ultimatum will then be delivered. The ultimatum would possibly be transmitted by Admiral Douglas, commanding the combined British and German fleets, or by the captain of the British cruiser Retribution.

Castro Indifferent.

Kingston, St. Vincent, Dec. 9.—The British cruiser Indefatigable, which has arrived here from Laguiara, Venezuela, brings a report that President Castro, of that country, is defiant and indifferent to the threatened blockade. It is asserted that President Castro is prepared even to expel the German and British residents in Laguaira, and to close that port.

Outlook Not Bright.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—It was learned this evening that the ultimatums did not fix a time limit for an answer, but that the officials of the German and British legations were instructed to leave Caracas at the end of 24 hours after their delivery if there was no prospect of a favorable reply. This, however, was left to their discretion.

The officials could have extended their stay at the Venezuela capital if they thought it advisable to do so, and the fact that they left is taken to mean that President Castro does not show signs of giving in.

NEW WESTMINSTER FIRE.

Damage is Estimated at Seventy-two Thousand Dollars.

New Westminster Dec. 9.—The fire here to-day destroyed property valued at $72,000. The Dupont block, built by Major Dupont, Victoria, was completely gutted, and five business firms burned out.

The losses are as follows: R. F. Anderson & Co., hardware, $35,000, insured to 80 per cent; K. A. Lee, furniture, $6,000, insurance $3,500; Alex. Matheson, liquors, $7,000, total loss; H. T. Kirk, stoves, $4,500, insurance $2,500; Liberal Club, $1,000; Gas Company, $200; N. J. Larsen, grocer, and Brown's restaurant, $200.

Lee's loss is comparatively heavy, as he had just started in business, and three carloads of furniture, his day's bank deposit, and the store cash of $250 and books were all destroyed.

The burned out merchants are already preparing to open new quarters. Larsen's grocery stock, uninsured, was all removed safely with little loss, other grocers coming to his assistance. The Liberal Club occupied rooms recently vacated by the public works department, and it was lately furnished with two billiard tables.

IN FRANCE.

Proposal to Settle Difference Between Minister and Deputy By Arbitration.

Paris, Dec. 8.—The seconds of Deputy Sylveton and Minister of Justice Valle (who exchanged heated remarks in the Chamber of Deputies on Saturday) met to-day in the Chamber of Deputies, and after a conference lasting an hour separated to confer with their principals. They refused to disclose the nature of their decision.

Saturday's riotous scene in the Chamber continues to occupy the attention of the public and press here. Sober second thought is treating the incident as a lamentable reflection on the parliamentary institutions of the republic, which it is certain to discredit and what may possibly overthrow the present parliament system.

It was announced later that the pourparlers were interrupted as the seconds were in favor of arbitration, instead of a duel, but they were unable to agree as to the number of arbitrators.

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SURPRISED COMMISSIONERS.

Widow Gives Evidence of Her Struggles to Pay Coal Company's Bills.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9.—Tales of evictions from houses owned by G. B. Markle & Co., the narration of the death of a wife as a result of an enforced removal from her home, and the story of a mother whose husband was killed in the Markle mines, of how she and her two boys struggled for years to pay the Markles the back rent and coal bill she owed them, were the principal features of to-day's sessions of the Coal Strike Arbitration Commission. The miners today concluded the calling of witnesses against the Markle company.

The attorneys for the large coal companies have nothing to say regarding the testimony now being presented, but those representing the miners are well pleased.

After closing the Markle case, the representatives of the miners called witnesses who had formerly been employed in the mines of several companies to show that a blacklist exists, and that some of the companies had broken the agreement which ended the strike, and resulted in the appointment of the arbitration commission.

National board member Gallagher resumed the witness stand at the afternoon session, and explained the powder question. An 18-year-old Hungarian slate picker employed by the Markle company said that before the strike he received 85 cents a day, now he receives only 55 cents. He said the breaker boss, who stands over the pickers, often clubbed him, kicked him, and swore at him for not picking slate faster.

Mrs. Kate Burns, of Jedo, was examined by Lawyer Darrow, and said her husband, who was an engineer inside in the Markle mines, was killed underground, leaving her with four children, the oldest a boy of eight years. The company never offered her a penny, but the employees gave her about $180 to defray the funeral expenses. After her husband had been killed she moved from her four room house into one containing only two, the one above the other, and for the next six years she struggled on as best she could to get along. She took in washing, scrubbed for the neighbors, and once in a while she was given work cleaning the offices of the Markle company. During these six years she said she kept her children at school. When the eldest child was 14 years she sent him to work in the mines. At the end of the first month the boy brought home his wage statement showing that the mother owed $396 for back rent. The boy's wages for the month had been taken off the bill and he came home open handed. She submitted to this and in the course of time her next boy was old enough to help earn a living, and he too, was sent to the colliery. Like the other brother the second boy received no pay, his earnings being deducted for rent. When the woman added that the money she earned for cleaning the Markle office was never given to her, but kept by the company for rent, the commissioners looked at one another in surprise. She said it took the three of them 13 years to make up the debt. The mother's earnings from neighbors being the principal contribution towards the maintenance of the family. The debt was cleared last August. During the six years from the time her husband was killed until the time when the boy went to work the company never asked her for rent.

AGAINST SUBSIDIES.

Report of Select Committee of the Imperial Commons.

London, Dec. 9.—The report of the select committee of the House of Commons on the steamship subsidy was issued this evening. Its general tenor is distinctly against the principle of granting subsidies. The committee finds that British shipowners have suffered much from the fostering effects of subsidies paid by foreign governments, that subsidies are merely minor factors and that commercial skill and industry were the major factors in the recent development of shipping and trade of certain foreign countries, notably Germany.

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Prof. Alexander will give one of his most noted lectures in the A. O. U. W. hall this evening. The subject of the lecture is a very attractive one, "Love, Courtship, Marriage and Jealousy." In this lecture the Professor will show what temperaments should or should not marry; will explain the signs of love in the head and face; how to tell a loving disposition and whether they are in a loving mood; how to know a flirt, jealous minded or real motherly person; courtship as it is and should be; popping the question; and how to manage your mother-in-law. Some reasons are given why those who are well mated disagree.

At the conclusion of the lecture the Professor will give a practical demonstration of his philosophy. Two or more couples will be matched by him on the stage. He will describe the kind of partner which would be suitable for the young ladies whom he takes on the platform. In addition to that he will go through the audience and make a suitable choice. The admission for this evening will be 25c., 35c. and 50c.

On Thursday evening Prof. Alexander will give another lecture on "Crime and Criminals." A silver collection will be taken at this lecture.

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DUNCAN NOTES.

(Special correspondence of the Times.)

The solid little town of Duncans was quite lively on Saturday last, the 6th instant. The annual meeting of the Cowichan Creamery Association took place in the council chambers at 2 p. m., the King's Daughters' sale and social was held in the afternoon and evening, and the Masonic lodge met in the evening and conferred the third degree and elected its officers for the ensuing year.

The Odd Fellows meet every Saturday night.

The balance sheet of the creamery, which is always printed and distributed among its shareholders and patrons, showed a very satisfactory state of affairs. The company is fairly well on the road towards wiping out all indebtedness, government grant, etc. A dividend was declared of six per cent. to the shareholders. The output has considerably increased during the year, also the patrons are more numerous than formerly, so the coming year will likely be a record breaker. The quality of the butter commands the highest price in the market. The president, secretary and directors were re-elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for the able management of the creamery during the past year.

Next Saturday night the annual dinner of the Vancouver Island Flockmasters will take place at the Quamichan hotel.

Farming, mining and lumbering are in a very healthy state.

During the past year the town has made great strides. Among the principal buildings may be mentioned the new Quamichan hotel, Catholic church, offices of the Tyee Company, the new library building, the steam laundry, residences of James Murchy, T. Pitt and C. Grassy, and the carriage and repair shops of R. H. Whidden. An addition to the agricultural implement warehouse of C. Dobson is in course of construction, besides several others of smaller dimensions. All this goes to show that people have unbounded faith in the district.

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W. E. Smith, missionary in China, under date of October 7th, notifies the Methodist mission rooms at Toronto that the Boxer scare is completely over and mission work advancing.

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Take notice that probate of the will of Patrick Murphy, dated the 4th September, 1891, and codicils dated respectively the 14th August, 1894, and the 1st November, 1898, who died at Kelseyville, California, on the 10th day of November, 1902, was this day granted by the Honorable Mr. Justice Irving to Samuel Perry Mills and Joseph Austen Sayward, the executors therein named.

And take notice that, pursuant to the Trustees and Executors Act, all creditors and others having claims against the estate are requested to send by post or deliver to the executors or to the undersigned on or before the 3rd day of January, 1903, their Christian and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, the statement of their accounts and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

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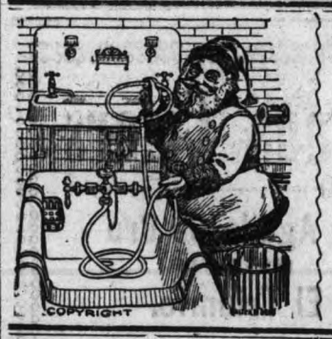

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 10.—5 a. m.—The pressure is lowest on the Californian and Washington coasts, but has risen over British Columbia, and in the Northwest an important high barometer area, central in Alberta and Saskatchewan, covers the Territories and Manitoba. Rain has fallen on the American coast, a heavy fall of over one and a half inches occurring at Eureka, Cal. East of the Rockies the weather continues fair, and in some sections intensely cold, the mercury falling to 30 degrees below zero. Present conditions indicate fairer weather in this district for the next 24 hours.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m. Thursday.

Victoria and vicinity—Moderate or fresh easterly winds, generally fair and cold.

Lower Mainland—Light or moderate winds, generally fair and cold.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 29.90; temperature, 38; minimum, 38; wind, 4 miles N. E.; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.92; temperature, 30; minimum, 28; wind, 4 miles E.; weather, fair.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 12; minimum, 10; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.98; temperature, zero; minimum, 2 below; wind, calm; weather, clear.

PASSENGERS.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—J Burke, R Wells, Capt Lawrence and wife, C Van Horne, R C Lipton, J Lanson, H Lewis, W Knox and wife, Mrs Wilson, A Peterson, G A Truesdale, J Selwian, Miss Mayer, Miss Gordon, Miss D Evan, J Grey, H Harris, Miss Morton, J M Jeffrey, F W Robinson, B Russell and wife, R Dunn, Miss Little, Miss Rodell, Miss Gorman, Miss Boner, J E Hillings, J C Over, L Loddy, B Harris, W Wilkerson, S Sturez, I Wilson, S Gardner, H Brazer, E F Koshner, Miss Dotts, J Spaire and wife, J C Toll and wife, B Ludgatt and wife, B W McGregor and wife, J C Morris and wife, R V Hale and wife, B McGinnis and wife, J N Root and wife, Miss Gaines, Mrs Gaines, Miss Warie, W M Brener, J N McGinnis and wife, W Worthington and wife.

CHEMAINUS BALL.

The Second Annual Function Will Be Given by the Woman's Auxiliary.

The annual ball given under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Chemainus hospital will take place on Friday evening. Last year the first ball was given and proved a very enjoyable function. A special train from Victoria took a large number from this city, who spent a most enjoyable evening. This year the ball will be conducted largely upon the same lines. The reception committee is as follows: Mrs. E. J. Palmer, Mrs. S. F. Erb, Mrs. J. S. Gibson, Mrs. H. E. Donald, Mrs. Walter Dunn, Mrs. R. P. Roberts, Mrs. H. Burchell. The general committee is as follows: Dr. H. B. Rogers, E. J. Palmer, E. Calder, H. E. Donald, A. H. Lewis, Capt. J. S. Gibson. A. J. Thurston will act as floor manager.

The dance programme for the evening is as follows:

Waltz	Zenda
Two-Step	Dreamy Eyes
Barn	Medley
Waltz	Symposia
Lancers	The Elite
Two-Step	Southern Sweethearts
Waltz	Rose of Killarney
Barn	The Chatterbox
Two-Step	The Tale of a Kangaroo
Waltz	Fr. A Runaway Girl
Extras, 1, 2, 3.	
Two-Step	Creole Belles
Waltz	Toreador
Lancers	Marimar
Schottische	The Honeysuckle
Waltz	Don't Be Cross
Two-Step	The Thoroughbred
Waltz	Crown of Beauty
Two-Step	'A Frangesa
Waltz	Please Go Way and Let Me Sleep
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THE EMPRESS WAS DELAYED BY STORM

ARRIVED FROM FAR EAST THIS MORNING

The French Ship Surcouf Reached Port From Fusan To-Day—More Passenger Steamers Building.

With a miscellaneous cargo of 2,679 tons, including 3,101 packages of silk for New York, and a fair freight for Victoria, with twenty-five saloon passengers, of whom few debarked here, twelve intermediate and 278 steerage, of whom 24 Chinese were destined for this city, the R. M. S. Empress of India, Capt. O. P. Marshall, arrived from the Orient this morning. She was twelve hours late in reaching port, and having arrived at the ocean docks at an early hour there was naturally no time lost. The ship was hurried away for Vancouver as soon as possible in order that she might connect with the Eastern express leaving that city shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. It was about a quarter past eight eight when the steamer pulled out from the dock, and it was expected that the passage to the Terminal City would be a record breaking one.

The cause of the protracted voyage across the Pacific was due to bad weather, the ship having buffeted a succession of gales for three days, which, while not damaging the steamer, considerably retarded progress.

The saloon passengers to arrive on the steamer were as follows: Lieut. Beatty-Pownall, R.N.; Capt. Bray, R.N.; A. Brunet, Mrs. J. L. Davis, Major C. M. Dobell, G. R. Gregg, Col. C. R. W. Hervey, Mrs. C. R. W. Hervey, L. D. Hilles, Andrew Houstoun, F. W. Jenkins, Mrs. F. W. Jenkins, Capt. C. S. Paulet, Mrs. C. S. Paulet and maid, Thos. R. Raitt, L. Rosenfeld, C. A. van Affelen van Saemfoort, H. P. Smart, Mrs. H. P. Smart, Rev. Walter Statham, Capt. S. R. Stevens, Willard C. Tyler, C. S. Windsor, General Geo. B. Williams, A. L. Walker.

FRENCHMAN ARRIVES.

The ship Surcouf, Capt. Ribault, arrived in the Roads this morning, being the first of that fleet of French ships to reach port which have been making things interesting in the freight rate line down the coast. Complaints of the manner in which French vessels have been lowering the rates have come from different places, particularly from San Francisco and Portland, where they have loaded grain at figures which the British merchantment could not consider. The Surcouf is a vessel of 1,744 tons register. She comes here from Fusan, which port she left on the first of last month, and is seeking a charter.

STEAMBOAT SPECULATION.

"Conjecture has been aroused as to what disposition will be made by the two new steamers being built at the Joseph Paquett shipyards, on the Columbia river, for commission on Puget Sound," says the Tacoma Ledger. "One of the vessels, christened the Arrow, has just been completed. She is 159 feet long and 25 feet beam, with 9 feet depth of hold. The craft is said to be handsomely finished and furnished throughout, and to be one of the finest passenger steamers on the Coast, and one of the speediest. While having two decks, she has no berths, which would indicate that she is to be used exclusively in a day run.

"The builders, however, are mum on the subject as to where the two steamers are to be used, and no reliable information regarding them has been obtainable from other sources.

"The other steamer has just been commenced, and will be constructed, it is understood, along the same general lines as the Arrow."

MARINE NOTES.

According to a dispatch from the San Diego a stay of two or three days was expected from H. M. S. Grafton on her trip south. While in port Rear-Admiral Bickford was to be a guest at the Coronado hotel, and the ship was to take on coal and some fresh supplies.

D. G. S. Quadra is expected to-day from Hardy Bay, where she went to make a survey for the new wharf at that point.

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INSTRUCTIVE DEBATE.

Government's Action in Introducing Doukhobors to Canada Discussed at Length.

There was a large attendance at the regular weekly meeting of the Young People's Guild of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Monday night, when a very instructive and interesting debate took place on the question: "Be it resolved, that the government of Canada was not justified in introducing the Doukhobors into Canada."

The resolution was supported by Messrs. E. Scholefield and R. E. Gosnel and opposed by Messrs. Welby Soloman and Gordon Grant. After a heated debate those present weighed the arguments advanced by the opposing debaters, and the unanimous vote of the audience was that Messrs. Grant and Soloman had showed the government's action in this matter to have been justified.

Excellent speeches were delivered showing the speakers to be thoroughly conversant with the subject. Messrs. Soloman and Grant in their addresses pointed out that the Doukhobors were physically strong and accustomed to privation, thus being able to withstand the hardships of winters in the Northwest. Their moral character was unexceptional, and they were undisputably a hard working, industrious and sober people. It was true that at present a certain percentage were dissatisfied, but the great majority were back on their farms employed in making themselves as comfortable as possible for the winter. The amount of money expended by the Dominion government in bringing the Doukhobors to Canada had been very little in consideration of the number of settlers secured for the development of the great Northwest. Some $60,000 had been expended to bring 7,000 steady settlers to the country, and the greater portion of that sum had been repaid the government from the proceeds of the sale of the cattle belonging to the immigrants before coming here. It was pointed out that if it had been attempted to get a like number of settlers from Britain or any other European country a much greater sum would have been expended or else the lowest class would have had to be taken.

Messrs. Gosnel and Scholefield contended that the Doukhobors had nothing in common with Canadians and that they could not adopt their customs. Their religious fanaticism would render it impossible for them to become law-abiding citizens, and that this extreme fervor made them of little or no practical use. It was the opinion of the speakers that it would have been far wiser policy for the government to have got men from Britain or Northern European countries, such as Sweden. Immigrants such as these, it was held, would adopt Canadian laws and customs and assume the duties of citizenship. The Doukhobors would not fight for the country of their adoption nor recognize any of its laws.

CONSIGNEES.

Per steamer Majestic from the Sound—Laritz Nursery Co, R H Johnston, R P Rithet & Co, C C McKenzie, Nesbit Elec Co, B C C S H P Co, T N Hibben & Co, King's Printer, Colonist, Miss N Hammond, Reo P Mens, F Clark, W H Adams, R S Byrne.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY SITE DISCUSSED

MEETING OF VOTERS' LEAGUE LAST NIGHT

A Resolution Adopted Urging Council to Select Corner Property and Submit By-Law.

The question of a suitable site for the Carnegie library, again occupied the attention of the Voters' League last evening. The outcome of the discussion was the passing of a motion recommending the council to select a site centrally located as soon as possible, and submit it to the people for approval, paying a portion of the cost by the sale of city lands lying idle at the present time.

There was a good attendance, James Grant was unanimously voted to the chair, and Secretary Morley read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted. Among those present were: Secretary Laird, Senator Macdonald and Messrs. MacGregor, Sorby, Moberley, Henderson, Best, Maynard, Laughton, Hitt, Shakespeare, Seabrook, McNeil and Walker.

The chairman called for the report of the committee appointed to enquire into the condition of the Dallas road foreshore. None was forthcoming. On motion of T. C. Sorby it was decided to call the attention of the council to the condition of the foreshore, recommending that immediate action be taken to prevent any further falling away by the action of the sea.

The Carnegie library question was introduced by the chairman, who submitted some interesting information respecting the Vancouver Carnegie library. The building was three stories high with basement, was 100 feet by 62, and was built on a lot 120 feet by 100 feet.

T. C. Sorby was not in favor of Victoria deciding on a similar building to that outlined. A great thing in a library was to have it within as easy reach of the public as possible, and for this reason the library should be located on the main floor. The newspaper room could be located in the basement, so that those who merely attended to ascertain the latest news would not interfere with the management of the library in any way. An auditorium for the delivery of public lectures in connection with the library was an excellent idea.

N. Shakespeare said no sane person would put a library on the site near the post office. The contention advanced that the largest buildings should be grouped so as to present a better appearance he dild not at all agree with. The library should be located so as to be as easily reached by the people of one portion of the city as those of the other.

R. Seabrook held that the library should be located as nearly as possible in the centre of the population of the city. The working men appreciated a good library more than most others, and although almost any situation would satisfy those who had plenty of leisure time, for the laboring men a spot equally convenient for residents of all parts of the city should be chosen.

Senator Macdonald suggested that as the city had a number of properties at Beacon Hill, in the vicinity of the outer wharf and elsewhere, that money be realized by the sale of some of these for the purpose of paying the price of the purchase of a suitable site. It was very inadvisable to bring a by-law before the public for the borrowing of money when such property was lying idle. In regard to the architecture of the building, he thought that the edifice at Ottawa ought to be taken as a model. The library was located all on the main floor, cement recesses being provided for writing.

A. J. Morley proposed that some person who was acquainted with real estate matters be requested to submit a report showing what lots were available in the city as likely sites for the library. He thought that the lot on the corner of Yates and Douglas street was the most satisfactory location, being the most centrally situated, and the probable future distributing point of the city.

P. C. MacGregor thought the league ought to pass a resolution requesting the council to take immediate action towards the selection of a site. He did not know of any more satisfactory site from a financial or any other point of view than that on the corner of Douglas and View streets. The lot on the corner of Douglas and Yates would possibly be better, but had the disadvantage of costing considerable more. He understood that it was the intention of the Tramway Company to extend their Douglas line along that street to connect with Fort, thus making a loop, in which case the site he suggested would be on the car line. Even if this was not done it was but a few steps from either the Fort street, Douglas street or Beacon hill cars.

Mr. Morley expressed the opinion that a good plan would be to select a number of sites and submit them to the public for choice.

Mr. MacGregor thought that the matter should not be allowed to drag along any longer, and with the view of preventing this, moved the following motion, seconded by Mr. Shakespeare:

Whereas the Carnegie library question has been before the citizens for several months, and as yet there has been nothing done in the matter, and believing that this generous gift should be dealt with promptly;

Therefore be it resolved, That, in the opinion of the Voters' League, the site owned by the city at the end of the causeway is not suitable for a public library, and that it should be more centrally located.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this league, the city should secure an option on a centrally located corner property of sufficient area as a site, and submit a by-law to the ratepayers for their approval.

Anton Henderson, in speaking to the motion, said that he did not think the council would be justified in submitting another by-law to the citizens on a question that had been answered most decisively on the last occasion. The James Bay flats, when the reclamation work was completed, would be the place for the library. Instead of spending money in purchasing a site on Douglas street those funds could be diverted towards helping along the reclamation work. The library could then be erected on what he considered one of the most desirable sites of the city. Tourists on arrival here would receive a favorable impression when presented to their view were the parliament buildings, the Carnegie library and the post office.

Mr. MacGregor held that the flats would not be central, and stated that if there was to be a library at all it would have to be centrally located or else no by-law submitted would pass.

Mr. Maynard was in favor of including the lot on the corner of Blanchard and Yates streets. Although he thought the corner of Yates and Douglas would undoubtedly be the better site, he doubted if a cheaper site in a more favorable location could be decided upon than the former. A very considerable portion of the price had been offered by citizens, and he did not think they should be ignored.

Mr. Walker was in favor of the James Bay flats as a site for the library.

Mr. Shakespeare expressed himself strongly against Mr. Henderson's idea of having the building on the flats when the reclamation work was finished. It was not a centrally located spot, and from present indications it would be at least two years before work on the building could be commenced.

A. B. McNeill expressed himself as against the plan of grouping all large public buildings, and was not favorably impressed with the proposal of the James Bay flats for a site, which should be more in the centre of the city. If a library was to be built it should be made an ornament to the city, and there should be no hesitation about expending a little money to obtain a site satisfactory to all citizens.

Mr. MacGregor's motion was put and carried.

The following resolution was introduced by N. Shakespeare and carried:

That, in the opinion of the Voters' League, the city should dispose of some of the city lots, the proceeds to help pay the cost of a library site.

Mr. Sorby, in moving that Mr. Morley be requested to discharge the duties pertaining to the post of honorary secretary for another three months in order to help the league over what he considered as a most critical period of its existence, paid a tribute to the good work done by Mr. Morley. He had been the father of the league, and it was due to his energy and tact that it had been successfully inaugurated and carried on. He felt that if there was any change of office at the present time it would result in disaster to the league. He moved that Mr. Morley be tendered a hearty vote of thanks for past services, and be respectfully requested to retain office for another three months.

This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Morley felt very grateful for the kind words of Mr. Sorby. When the league was inaugurated it was with the idea that there would be no need for any official to worry about keeping up the interest from week to week, it being thought that this would be done by the members. He was willing to continue as honorary secretary for the time requested.

Wm. Laird, secretary, was tendered a hearty vote of thanks.

The meeting then adjourned.

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STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS.

According to advices received by the Colonist less than a month ago from the Yukon, the possibility of the election of Hon. J. H. Ross was an event "remote beyond the bounds of possibility." And yet Mr. Ross is the first member for the Yukon territory. Our contemporary's advices were as unreliable as its comments upon political affairs generally are ridiculous and its deductions absurd and whimsical.

We do not know why the Colonist persists in comparing Dawson with the Cities of the Plain, unless it be for the purpose of arguing that the emissaries of the Conservative party were the heavenly messengers who were sent to save it from a threatening shower of fire and brimstone on account of the wicked goings on of the Grits, and that all who voted for Mr. Ross and endorsed the administration of a Liberal government are Sons of Belial. Unfortunately for the Conservative party and for the zealous advocates of its "principles" in the West, it has a past. The records of that past cannot be covered up at this time by donning the garments of purity and innocence. We know nothing of the character of the man who was selected to carry the banner of this band of reformers and crusaders. Compared with his opponent, he may in very truth be the embodiment of political truth and righteousness. But the probability is that he is a typical Tory, worthy of the great party's past and present and that the electors of the newest Dominion constituency knew what they were doing when they elected to leave him at home.

Considering the result of the recent elections, which it was confidently predicted but a short time ago would show in no uncertain manner the direction in which the political tide is flowing, it would perhaps be unreasonable to expect sane utterances from advocates of the Conservative cause. The indications are stronger than ever that from the distant East to the Far West the present government is strong in the confidence of the people. The leaders of the Conservative party imagined they saw signs of disruption in the ranks of the government supporters. A Minister has been dismissed for advocating a policy not in accord with the principles of the party as a whole. That gave the opposition the opening it professed to be looking for, and it determined to make test cases of the election of the new Minister of Marine and Fisheries and of the other bye-elections. Mr. Prefontaine was elected by about two thousand of a majority. The other seats were carried by the Liberals in an almost equally triumphant manner. The trend of public opinion has been indicated most unmistakably. The course of the government has been vindicated and its policy endorsed with an enthusiasm which removes from the minds of the Conservative leaders the last glimmering hope that there is any immediate prospect of their supplanting the men who have so successfully and so efficiently managed the affairs of the Dominion for the past six years.

The vindication of the government in the East was not unexpected. The conditions are settled there and that section has been unusually prosperous and progressive since the present government was called into office. An altogether different state of affairs prevailed in the Yukon territory. The country is new, business is more or less in a state of transition, the people are largely strangers to and unfamiliar with the workings of our institutions. An administrative system somewhat different from any that prevails in other sections of the Dominion had to be devised. This involved experiments which proved more or less irksome to a class who were unused to restrictions other than those imposed by their own will. The present system is a result of evolution and development. Its genesis was due to the talent for organization of Mr. Ross. Order has succeeded chaos, and the district has shown its appreciation of the exertions of the late administrator by electing him as its representative in the Dominion House of Commons.

The victory is in many respects a notable one. The Conservative party has never been celebrated for its leanings towards honorable political warfare. It had a splendid opportunity in the Yukon for the exercise of its talents for organization. This genius, we have no doubt, manifested itself in various directions. The world has not been fully informed as to the details of the campaign. It probably never will be, as right has prevailed. There will be no reasons for an exposure. Mr. Clark and his friends persuaded a great many Americans to become British subjects in order that they might avail themselves of the franchise. The assumption naturally was that this powerful element would on polling day signify its opposition to the government and its candidate. We surmise from the result of the voting that the assumption was not altogether correct. It is a wonderful tribute to Mr. Ross as a man and an official that under the circumstances we have outlined, coupled with the fact that his state of health precluded him from taking a personal part in the campaign, he was able to carry the seat with such a magnificent majority. And the victory is also a remarkable evidence of the loyalty and singleness of purpose of the political friends in the territory of the new member.

GROANINGS OF A PESSIMIST.

What a pity it is that the inevitable tendency of the mind of Dr. Goldwin Smith in these its latter days is to "be against everything that is or is likely to be." The taking of a referendum in Ontario to ascertain the will of the people on the question of the prohibition of the liquor traffic was wrong, according to the Doctor, because there is no provision under our particular system of government for a resort to such an expedient. The constitution of Great Britain has broadened out "from precedent to precedent." If that operation had been restricted there could not possibly have been any broadening. When opinion is divided, and it seems impossible for the representatives of the people to agree upon a matter of such a character, when the question is not one upon which the political parties are lined up in opposition to each other, is not the referendum a simple and reasonable method of settling the controversy and removing a source of disturbance and disquiet? It is easier for an irresponsible observer of current events to criticise than for a government or party which feels the weight and gravity of the duties with which it has been charged to act.

The Doctor also objects to the proposal of the Grand Trunk railway to extend its system to the Pacific Ocean. Possibly he considers it as unreasonable for Canadians to aim at the development of their country as it is for them to oppose their manifest destiny—annexation to the United States. He asks: "Is it likely that the grand highway of the world's commerce will permanently be in the sub-Arctic region, through such wildernesses as those to the north of Lake Superior between Port Arthur and Winnipeg, and again between Calgary and British Columbia, with all the difficulties of temperature and weather to which such a route is exposed? Money, of course, can for the time do anything. It can force transportation off natural and on to artificial lines. But will not nature ultimately have her own? Will she allow the grand highway of the world's commerce ultimately to be through the sub-Arctic region?" You see the sage is still convinced that no good thing can come to this country unless it takes his advice, discards all such weakness as sentiment and becomes an integral part of the republic. Nature intended all the transcontinental lines to be built south of a boundary line which is merely a mark of the folly of Canadians. The critic is above the consideration of matters which ordinary men study when they set about the building up of what they hope—and have substantial foundations for their faith—will one day be a great nation and believe will for all time remain independent of the United States. There is the very best of evidence—that of scientific men, of experienced and observant travellers, not to mention the harvests that have been gathered—that the territory which will be opened up by the new transcontinental line is of great value, and that the climate does not necessarily render the country unfit for the exercise of all the activities of an enterprising race, simply because the territory is situated in a latitude a few degrees farther north than the United States. The experiences of practical men are not on this matter in harmony with the utterances of the philosopher.

The sage of the Grange also explains that no "interests especially Canadian, nothing but Imperial extension, was gained by the immensely costly process of bringing British Columbia into the Dominion. Economical considerations must sometimes give way to political objects. Money spent on national consolidation or security is well spent. This nobody denies. But there is, to say the least, no more signal instance of such a sacrifice of finance to policy than the building of the C. P. R. at enormous cost for the purpose of bringing British Columbia into the Dominion. The professional politicians, of course, have to deal with the British Columbia delegations; and for that purpose they must study the politics of British Columbia. But so far as the rest of us are concerned, might not the obscure and ever-shifting cabals which the telegraph reports in our Pacific province almost as well be going on in another planet." This is the criticism of a philosopher. What a superior class philosophers are. It is their special province to criticise. If the remoteness of this province at present from the chief centres of population in Canada is a reason why it should never have been made a partner in the Confederation, could not the same objection have been just as effectively urged at one time against the federation of some of the states in the American Union? Prince Edward Island and the other Maritime Provinces are quite as much isolated as British Columbia as regards the interest taken by Ontario people in their purely local affairs. The day is not far distant when this province will be nearer the centre of population of the Dominion than most of the Eastern provinces. The time may also come when our public affairs will be raised to such a plane that even philosophers like Dr. Goldwin Smith and the editor of the Toronto Telegram will be unable to indulge in sneers at our expense.

It may be that the Intercolonial Railway will survive the antagonism of the C. P. R. The operations of the road for the fiscal year ending June 30th show financial improvements. The total earnings amounted to $5,671,385, and the working expenses to $5,574,563, showing a profit of $96,822. The earnings as compared with the previous year increased by $699,150, while the expenditure advanced by only $114,141. The loss of $488,186 in 1900-01 has therefore been wiped out, and in addition, as already stated, there is a balance of $96,822 to the good.

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Mr. Martin is credited with a desire to find out what Col. Prior's policy is. Most people supposed that Mr. Martin had found it out last March before telling his Victoria friends to vote for Prior. The demand for the production of a policy is all right coming from an opponent of Col. Prior, but Mr. Martin was a supporter of that gentleman and helped to make him Premier. The Colonel has a better right to ask, "What have I done since last March that Martin should go back on me?"

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Dated this first day of December, 1903, Duncans, B. C.

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—A concert and dance will be held in Semple's hall, Victoria West, next Friday evening, under the auspices of Western Star lodge, No. 7, A. O. U. W.

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—The Central W. C. T. U. will meet at the Refuge Home to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. A report of the national convention will be given together with the address delivered at that gathering by Lady Henry Somerset.

—The James Bay Epworth League's regular monthly literary meeting took place on Monday evening in the church. Rev. D. W. Scott occupied the chair. The league were favored with a very able and instructive address by C. H. Lugrin.

—"Snakes in Paradise," a popular lecture by Dr. Roland D. Grant, is announced to be given in Calvary Baptist church on the evening of Wednesday, December 17th, Dr. Grant is widely and favorably known as a lecturer, and he is at his best in this, one of his most effective lectures. *

—Lodges Dauntless and Fernwood, C. O. O. F., and the Daughters of Ruth met last evening in a united gathering and spent a social time. Refreshments were served during the evening and a pleasant time spent with social amusements. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was also provided. The accompanist was Mr. Giles.

—Geo. R. Jackson's glove certificate will solve the gift problem for many a worried brain. A few pairs of extra gloves always delight a lady, but it is sometimes difficult to find out the size and color without prematurely making your intentions known. Solution: Send her a glove certificate from Jackson's, and she can call, select her own gloves, and have them fitted. *

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—The ploughing match given last Saturday on J. Shopland's ranch, Royal Oak, brought together some of the best ploughmen of the district. The judges were G. McKay and J. West. Their decision was given in favor of the following distribution of prizes: Geo. Stemler, 1st prize; Chas. McIlmoyle, 2nd prize; and A. Munroe, 3rd prize. A special prize for best open and finish was given E. Marcott. A protest was entered by A. Munroe, and on Monday a committee went over the ground reversing the decision of the judges and giving him the first prize.

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—A bulletin to the local office of the C. P. R. Company this morning reports that the steamer Bavarian arrived at Moville on the 7th inst.

—Rev. G. W. Dean will address the meeting to-night at the Metropolitan Methodist church. The choir will be in attendance and the public are invited.

—Dyeing—Renew their use. Old garments are placed in active and long service again by the processes of dyeing and cleaning at James Dupen's 152 Yates street, opposite Dominion hotel. *

—Dr. A. T. Watt was the victim of a painful accident on Saturday. He, the engineer and mechanic were testing a steam retort in the fumigating sheds when the door blew off and a volume of steam struck the doctor in the breast and neck, flooring him. He was painfully scalded, and compelled to take to his bed. The others escaped.

—Jas. Edmunds, Sunday school missionary of Oregon, will visit the city this week in the interests of Normal work. Mr. Edmunds is an enthusiast in this department, has large experience, speaks fluently and to the point, and well worth hearing. Next Sunday he will occupy the Metropolitan pulpit in the morning and Calvary Baptist in the evening, and will hold mass meetings in the evenings.

—The Orpheum theatre has a great attraction, having secured the services of Madame Schell and her celebrated trained lions. They are the largest lions ever exhibited here. Madame Schell performs wonderful feats and has the lions well under her control; they have been personally trained by her. The management also have Fred W. Tracey and Q. C. Bruce to furnish excellent music, and Low Farrell gives a fine performance. *

—The installation of the new vocalion in the Victoria West Methodist church last evening was the occasion of an excellent concert. Messrs. Jesse Longfield and Fred Hitt officiated on the instrument. The choir rendered a couple of anthems, and solos were given by the following: Mrs. Giffin, Mrs. W. W. Gabriel and Gideon Hicks. Jesse Longfield played a violin selection. The organ, which is a splendid instrument, will be presided over by Mr. Hitt.

—When the French ship Surcouf arrived from Fusan this morning Captain Ribault, her master, found orders awaiting him here to proceed to Portland to load. The vessel is 35 days from Fusan and reports having encountered fairly good weather on the voyage. Captain Ribault does not speak English, but through an interpeter stated this morning that the bounty given by the French government to merchantmen amounted to one franc and seventy centimes (34 cents) per mile on every one thousand gross tons of the vessel. On a long voyage, such as from this coast to the United Kingdom, this would greatly augment the earnings of a vessel.

—There was a fair attendance at last night's parade of the Fifth Regiment, there being a total of 144 present. Capt. Hall, the new officer commanding, delivered an address, drawing the attention of the officers and privates to the necessity of turning out to parade regularly and taking an interest in the work of the regiment. The local regiment, he said, had a splendid reputation, and every effort must be made by the officers and men to keep up that reputation. He suggested that squads be formed for instruction with the Maxims and range finding, and stated that non-commissioned officers who did not intend or were incapable of performing their duties should be men enough to submit their resignations so that the progress of the regiment should not be held back.

—Miss Goodwin will arrive in the city this evening after three years spent in perfecting her musical education in Europe. Miss Goodwin will shortly return to complete her studies at Paris and London, so that her home coming will be only a visit. Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, who takes a commendable pride in the development of her daughter's talent, will make her stay in this city as enjoyable as possible. As a prelude to this her reception this evening will be a very pretty event. The reception room on the second floor of the Driard has been tastely decorated for the occasion. A part of the hallway has been set apart, carefully shut off from the remainder and turned into a lunch room. The decorations have been carried out with smilax, roses and pink carnations, the whole presenting a very pretty appearance. About 120 guests have been invited, confined to the young people.

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NAVY LEAGUE BRANCH IN EASTERN CANADA

One Recently Organized in New Brunswick by Envoy Wyatt—Part of His Address.

Jos. Peirson, honorary secretary of the Victoria branch of the Navy League, has received particulars of the recent organization of a branch in St. John, N. B., on the initiative of H. F. Wyatt, envoy of the parent society in Great Britain. There was a large attendance and the greatest enthusiasm manifested throughout. Among those present was Lieut. S. A. Roberts, R.N., of this city, and during the meeting Mr. Roberts described the establishment of a branch in Victoria.

In the course of a very interesting address, Mr. Wyatt said that the life of an empire depended upon the possession of a navy under one command which could take the offensive in war. The history of the British navy, however, had shown years of alternate panic and neglect. In 1834 the naval expenditure was only about £4,500,000, and 1840 was also a bad year. The British government to a certain extent lost sight of the importance of an adequate navy, forgot that upon the navy depended the safety of the merchant marine of the empire, the vast sea-born commerce of the British people approximating in value nearly £2,000,000,000 sterling.

He then traced the history of the Navy League and the purposes for which it was formed. Although only organized in 1894, it had now forty-eight branches in Great Britain, of which seven were in London, twenty-six in the provinces, and fifteen in the great public schools. In Canada there were, he said, five branches, the object being to educate the people along the line of naval defence. The speaker then showed the danger to be apprehended from Russian aggression in China. Canada should be interested is the question, "Shall Russia dominate China or shall an open market be maintained there?" as Canadian manufactures will eventually find their way there. The speaker also drew attention to the big increase that was constantly being made in the strength of the German navy, and referred to the passing of the German navy bill under which £73,000,000 was voted for the construction of ships of war and £13,000,000 for docks and wharves. This colossal appropriation was an irrevocable proof of a national policy on the part of Germany of her fixed and settled resolve to wrench the sceptre of the seas from thde hands of the British people.

Mr. Wyatt is now in the east promoting the organization of branches and will be here some time in January.

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FULL DETAILS OF THE CONVENTION

WORK OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Papers Read, Addresses Delivered, and Reports Submitted—Very Successful Session.

Appended are the complete details of the Sunday school convention recently held in Nanaimo, reference to which has been made in these columns from time to time:

The convention held in Nanaimo, on December 5th, 6th and 7th, under the auspices of the British Columbia branch of the Sunday School Association, will, it is believed, have the effect of greatly stimulating the workers in that city. The convention were fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner, Illinois, and W. D. Wood, of Seattle. Mrs. Bryner is one of the ablest speakers in the field work of the International Sunday School Association, while Mr. Wood is president of the Washington State Association. The value of the services rendered by both cannot be estimated, but it is certain they were fully appreciated by every one who was privileged to hear them. The following delegates from Victoria were also in attendance: Noah Shakespeare, president of the Provincial Association; John Meston, member of the executive committee; H. J. Knott, secretary of the Provincial Association.

The Friday night session was in charge of Rev. N. W. Powell, president of Nanaimo District Association. Mrs. Bryner gave an excellent address on the work of the International Sunday School Association, illustrating by means of a blackboard talk the different phases of the work and the methods adopted by the association. The session on Saturday afternoon was devoted mostly to the reading and discussion of the following papers: "Spiritual Work of a Primary Teacher," written by E. A. Lewis, Victoria, and read by the secretary; "Normal Work, or Teacher Training for Sunday School Work," by Thomas Bryant, Nanaimo; "That Class in the Corner," by J. H. Knowlton, Nanaimo. Those papers were all of the very best, showing very careful preparation and earnest and prayful thought, and were very much appreciated by all.

On Saturday at 7.45 the last business session was held, and was a very busy one. The appointment of committees was the first item of business, after which the president, N. Shakespeare, addressed the meeting, and also read two papers, one on "Home Department Work" and one on the "Cradle Roll Department." A paper was also read by Mr. Meston, on the subject, "The Sunday School a Field for Winning Souls." This paper was prepared by Geo. Carter, Victoria, and brought forth considerable discussion, as did also the two former papers.

The reports of committees were then read as follows:

Nomination committee—For president, Noah Shakespeare, Victoria; vice-president, John Deakin, Nanaimo; secretary, Geo. Carter, Victoria; treasurer, Alfred Huggett, Victoria. Executive committee—John Meston, E. A. Lewis, H. Northcott, R. B. McMicking and H. J. Knott, all of Victoria; J. C. Brown, New Westminster; Jas. McQueen, Vancouver; E. J. Flatt, Jas. Leak and Thos. Bryant, all of Nanaimo.

The finance committee reported a total expenditure of $22.30 and total receipts of of $16.70, showing a deficit of $5.30. Against this the treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of $3.65, which left a net deficit of $1.65.

The reslution committee reported as follows:

Your committee begs to propose for your adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the third annual Sunday school convention of the province of British Columbia, in session at Nanaimo, December 6th, 1902, hereby urges upon the consideration of the churches and Sunday school workers of the province the following declarations and recommendations relative to Sunday school work, to wit:

1st. That a great advance in Sunday school work and methods is now in progress throughout the world, as evidenced at the international convention at Denver in June last, and in Sunday school publications everywhere, and we are anxious that our province take its full share in this great Sunday school advance.

2nd. That we recognize the great benefit to accrue to all churches through the interdenominational co-operation of the different churches in advancing Sunday school work, and we commend this feature to the consideration of all church bodies. The organized Sunday school work is interdenominational, not undenominational. It seeks to make all denominational work more efficient and earnest.

3rd. That, in our judgment, the present methods of the church for reaching and holding children and young people are not adequate, and that higher efficiency and more advanced and spiritual work in our church schools is the remedy.

4th. That in all pioneer work the Sunday school has been the forerunner of the church, and that in order to extend its own work and organization into new communities, the church must use the Sunday school and must put into it more work, more money, more prayer and more spiritual consecration.

5th. That the unparalleled immigration into our province calls loudly for the organization of hundreds of new Sunday schools as the only spiritual service possible in many new settlements, and we call upon all the churches in the province to organize schools in the districts near them where such need exists.

6th. We beg to appeal in behalf of the thousands of boys and girls in this province, to all the citizens and business men of British Columbia, without regard to church affiliation, but on the broad grounds of good citizenship and public welfare. Every development points to an immense future for this corner of the Dominion—in commerce, manufactures, mining and agriculture. May we not look to every good citizen to help us train the future leaders in this province who are now the boys and girls among us?

7th. That the great and crying need in Sunday school work is for more teachers who will do real work for the young. We appeal to all Christians for help in this work, which is certainly the highest privilege that can come to any disciple of Jesus Christ.

8th. That we appeal to all Sunday school teachers and workers for more earnest and personal spiritual work with Sunday school scholars, and to that end we recommend as one feature of the spiritual work of every school the observance of a Decision Day at least once a year.

Literature can be obtained from any Sunday school publishing house, giving full explanations, and supplying all needed helps and blanks.

9th. That we recommend to all Sunday school workers the holding of conventions and conferences of workers, both general and local, as being more profitable and interesting. That such meetings should be regarded as the most important of the church year.

10th. That our provincial officers be requested to secure and keep up a complete list of all Sunday schools, superintendents and pastors in the province, with their addresses, and that copies of such lists be furnished to field workers, local officers and Sunday school publishing houses so far as possible.

11th. That we recommend the observance of a Rally Day in each year as its school or its denomination shall select.

12th. That we recommend to all schools the maintaining of a cradle roll as a department of the school.

13th. That we urge all school officers to investigate the home department plan as a most valuable feature of Sunday school and church work.

14th. That we commend the Normal department and teacher-training class as most important agencies for securing more and better teachers.

15th. That we urge all schools to provide a few good books on modern Sunday school work as a teachers' library for the use of officers and teachers.

16th. That all officers and teachers are urged to subscribe regularly for some Sunday school publication that publishes general news and suggestions in the Sunday school line, as a sure help to better work and higher enthusiasm in the great cause of Sunday school work.

17th. That, in our judgment, the province should secure the help of some able Sunday school field worker, for a few weeks at least, in order to organize and promote the Sunday school work in the province, and that our executive committee be urged to provide for such field work if possible.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be most cordially extended to Mrs. Mary Foster Bryner for her able and entertaining instruction of the Sunday school workers here assembled, for her success in the children's meeting, and for her long journey to be with us.

Resolved, That this convention appreciates highly the faithful and efficient work of Rev. R. N. Powell, president of the Nanaimo branch, in all plans and arrangements for the convention.

Resolved, That our thanks be tendered to the First Baptist and St. Andrew's Presbyterian churches, of Nanaimo, for their hospitality in providing meeting places for the convention.

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be most cordially extended to the Hon. Mr. Wood, of Seattle, for the very valuable service rendered by him to this convention, and for the great interest in our provincial association as manifested by his presence at this convention at much inconvenience and sacrifice.

The report was adopted.

Mr. Wood then in a few words referred to the work of the association and of his hearty sympathy with the work, and declared himself to be delighted in having the opportunity of meeting the friends in Nanaimo. These services were held in the First Baptist church. On Sunday at 3.15 p.m. a grand rally of the Sunday schools was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The church was crowded, and it seldom falls to the lot of Sunday school workers on the Coast to have the privilege of listening to two such addresses as were delivered by Mrs. Bryner and Mr. Wood on this occasion.

Then again on Sunday evening after the church services, a mass meeting was held in the same place, and again the large audience were delighted with addresses from Mrs. Bryner and Mr. Wood. A report of the house to house canvass, as carried out in Victoria, was presented by the secretary, who is superintendent of that work in the Victoria branch.

The president presided at both of these meetings, and gave a short address at each, urging every worker to take a more active part in pushing the work of the association.

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"What's in a name?" There is occasionally a trifle, especially if it is the name of a theatrical production. The title of the Weber & Field's melange which was presented at the Victoria last night is pregnant with suggestions, and certainly the show itself didn't shatter any preconceived ideas concerning its character.

The press notices state that hundreds were turned away nightly in San Francisco. This is easily understood in view of the great hold Messrs. Weber & Fields, the originators of this style of attraction, have on the play-going public south of the line. There are also a few little colloquialisms breathing with patriotic fervor, commendable enough to be sure, but not sufficiently local to bring a Victoria audience to its feet. True, the authors and press notices don't claim that the production is anything but a bunch of nonsense. There is absolutely no ground for an assumption to the contrary, for of all the Irish stews in the shape of a show that have held the boards at the Victoria in the past few years, "Fiddle Dee Dee" is a conspicuous triumph.

The dialogues and lyrics are by Edgar Smith, and the music by J. Stroomberg. Mr. Smith might have put a great deal of the dialogues through the sifting press before trotting them out on the stage. There was also too much of Messrs. Bunstarter, Krautsknuckle and Lechinsky. They had their legitimate places in the play, in fact there was room for everything, but they approached perilously near the border line which separates burlesque from horse play. There were some catchy music specialities, the burlesque on the famous Florodora sextette being exceptionally well done and earning a number of recalls.

There being merely the shadow of a plot, "Fiddle Dee Dee" was only held together by specialties. A number of dances were very prettily executed, and the rendering of some of the songs showed the company to possess several excellent voices, especially among the ladies. The principal roles were taken by Harry Cashman, as Hoffman Barr, Sam Sidman as Rudolph Bunstarter, Bob Harris as Michael Krautsknuckle, and Miss Jesse Moore as Mrs. Waldorf Meadowbrook.

The chorus was altogether satisfactory and the scenery excellent. In act 3 a cornet solo was delightfully given by Irene Franklin, who had to respond to several encores.

"Foxy Quiller."

The principal comedian of the "Foxy Quiller" Opera Company, which will appear in this city at the Victoria theatre tomorrow evening, is Richard Golden, who is known to the theatre-goers all over this country as a fun maker of rare ability. His work in the title role of de Koven and Smith's tuneful opera is said to be the best he has ever done, as the character of the bombastic, overbearing Foxy Quiller affords him exceptional opportunities for the display of his irresistable humor. Mr. Golden is supported by the largest musical organization ever sent out on the road. In point of scenic equipment and numbers, it is a notable production. No comic opera staged in recent years has been received with such unanimous favor as "Foxy Quiller," and it has been frequently referred to as the best effort of those prolific writers, Messrs. de Koven and Smith.

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CHAPTER V.—Continued.

"Well, it must be a great satisfaction to people," he said, "when they feel they are good. A lot of us never have that satisfaction, our feeling is always in the other direction, and we are more or less troubled when we think how bad we are."

"When we feel that we are not a bit good it's rather an encouraging sign than otherwise, I should say," she answered with a laugh, "though I am always suspicious of people who profess to be so much better than other people."

"But you are never suspicious of your sister?"

"Oh, well, you know, she is different; we know her, we live with her, we see her from day to day, we are favored with her exhortations."

"Does she give you an exhortation occasionally?"

"Oh, yes, now and then; she talks very beautifully both to father and myself. Sometimes we get the servants together on a Sunday afternoon and she speaks to us all from her couch. You should hear her sometimes; speaks very beautifully."

"I can quite imagine it," he said.

"But we fall short of her ideal, nevertheless."

"That is very sad," he answered, without looking up from his canvas. "Perhaps you don't try your hardest."

"Well, really, I'm afraid I don't. You see, while I have great respect and admiration for Elizabeth, I can't always accept her views. Indeed, in my heart I'm a good bit of a heathen."

"You are a very beautiful heathen," was his thought, but he did not say so; and then the conversation drifted away to another subject. So day by day they grew more friendly with each other and more confidential. He discovered an affinity and comradeship that made their intercourse very delightful.

By the time he had been a fortnight in the house he felt as though he had known her all his life. Certain it was he knew her far better than many people whom he had known intimately for years.

But what was still more curious she got him to talk about himself. As a general rule, he was extremely reticent about his own affairs. He seldom talked about his work or his plans for the future; but somehow Dorothy touched some secret spring, and he opened all his heart to her. He told her of the dreams of his boyhood, of the struggle he had in his youth, how he had fought his way by sheer determination; he even told her that when he received the commission to paint her portrait he was hard up and almost in despair. He could not understand himself. It was so unusual for him to talk about his own affairs. Yet in the presence of this bright-eyed girl all reserve seemed to break down, and he opened his heart to her as though she was his best and his lifelong friend. But, perhaps most important of all, she inspired him with an idea for a new picture. He knew that as yet he had never painted a picture that could be called great. His work had been good, honest, and painstaking. He received the praise of the critics, he had been well hung in the Academy, but no great or inspiring painting had yet come from his brush. Now, however, as the days passed away and he looked constantly into the clear eyes of Dorothy Cleveland, he felt that he was receiving inspiration for a great picture, and day by day the propect grew in his mind. He even decided upon the title, which was to be "My Lady Bountiful." Dorothy was to sit unconsciously for this work. The inspiration which he had so long waited for had come at last, and not only the inspiration but the subject. He felt as though a new gift had come to him. He was no longer a mere craftsman, he was an artist; he had not only the power to lay on the paint, but the vision to see the soul, to feel and understand.

Sometimes, when Dorothy wanted a rest, they stepped out of the window and strolled away across the park, for the weather continued beautifully fine, with bright sunshine and almost unclouded skies. Now and then a soft, dreamy haze obscured the distant landscape and gave a fresh impulse to the imagination. Those were delightful hours to Basil. To walk across the soft, yielding turf with this winsome, bright-eyed girl by his side, to talk of nature, of the light and shadows upon the landscape, to discuss the forms of the trees and the hills and the colors of the woods and hedgerows, to smell the fragrance of the flowers and breathe the fresh air sweeping over the hills was a delight that could not be put into words. He did not stop to question where all this might lead to, he took little thought for the morrow; sufficient unto the day was the evil thereof was the burden of his philosophy while he remained at Sandhurst.

He felt in a vague kind of way that it would be very dull to go back to his rooms in London, and that he would miss the bright smile and piquant, genial conversation of his companion, but that anything more serious might grow out of their friendship was a thought he would not consider. He was a poor artist fighting his way in the world. Marriage was something far distant for him. This girl was above him also in social position. His interest in her was purely artistic—so he persuaded himself. She was as lovely a model as any artist could desire, and her soul, he had learnt during many long conversations, was as beautiful as her face. But the idea of falling in love with her he would not bring himself to consider. He admired her infinitely; it was a delight to be in her company. Daily she was inspiring him with noble thoughts and with beautiful ideas. He felt in some way that knowing her formed an epoch in his life—that it was the turning point of his career.

When the portrait was finished he would go back to his studio in London and start on the great work that would bring him fame, if it did not fortune. But anything more than that he did not stop to consider. At present he was as one asleep dreaming a beautiful dream. The day would come, and it was even nearer than he thought, when he would awake and the whole truth would become clear to him; but for the present he was quite content to dream.

CHAPTER VI.

To Call Her Mine.

It was the middle of September when Basil went down to Sandhurst; it was the first of November when he left. Nearly seven weeks in all. How short, and yet how long! There were times when he felt as though he had been away a year from London, and yet the days and weeks had flown like a dream. He hated the country in the winter, and yet he was loth to go back; so loth, in fact, that he accepted Phil's invitation to spend a few days at Lynbrook before returning to town.

In the weeks he had been at Sandhurst he had seen almost nothing of his friend. Once only had Phil called, and then his visit was of the briefest and most formal kind; and so charmed had Basil been with his company that he had been under no temptation to make many excursions to Lynbrook. Moreover, he was hard at work all the day, and Phil had little or nothing to do; hence it was Phil's duty to visit him.

Apparently, however, Phil had not regarded it as his duty. He came once during the last week of his stay, came to see the portrait rather than to see Basil or the Clevelands, and had hurried away from th place as quickly as possible after getting Basil's promise to come to Lynbrook at the end of the week.

The portrait was universally praised. Everybody said that the likeness was excellent, and that the artist had caught her happiest expression. Phil said nothing about the likeness, but he declared to Basil that the picture was one of the best and most conscientious pieces of work he had ever seen.

Mr. Cleveland was so delighted that he was half inclined to have his own portrait painted.

"If I were only twenty, Mr. Pendarvis, I'd settle the thing right off," he said; "I would, indeed. But an old face among the young ones would spoil the lot."

"Oh, nothing of the kind," Basil said with a smile. "Contrasts are always effective."

"Contrasts, eh? Well, it would be a contrast," and he slapped his leg and laughed till his sides shook.

"It is not for me to press the matter, of course," Basil said, apologetically.

"But you think it would make a good foil for the womenkind?"

"I did not say so, Mr. Cleveland."

"But you said I should make an effective contrast."

"That is an entirely different matter. Autumn may be as beautiful as spring, but the contrast may be very great."

"It is generous of you to talk about beauty where I'm concerned," Mr. Cleveland said, good-humoredly. "But—well, I'll think the matter over, I will indeed."

Dorothy was the only one who was inclined to be critical, but she expressed her opinions to no one but Basil.

"You have idealized me, Mr. Pendarvis. You know you have."

"I have painted you as I have seen you, Miss Dorothy," he said, quietly.

"Then——" But she did not go on with the sentence; she blushed slightly and turned away her head.

She could not tell him that he saw more in her than anyone else could see, more, in fact, than really existed, yet she felt sure that it was so. And, if so, what was the interpretation? So it came to pass that whenever Dorothy looked at the canvas she saw not herself but Basil. Also it had a message for her, though she was never sure that she could read the message aright.

"Oh, I wish I knew," she said to herself some weeks later as she stood looking at the picture, then she blushed and ran away, and declared to herself that she would never look at the thing again.

Elizabeth did not say much. She was not one given to praise. In fact, according to her creed praise was a dangerous thing. She did admit, however, not to Basil or to Dorothy, but to her father, that it was a very excellent likeness, and expressed a devout word of thankfulness at the time that the painter was out of the house.

"But why, Elizabeth?" her father questioned in some surprise.

"Because I don't like men about the place."

"But surely——"

"He is very handsome, father, and Dorothy is very impressionable."

"Well, what of that?"

"She might fall in love with him."

"She might fall in love with a worse man."

"She must not fall in love at all. Have you forgotten the past? Can you look at me and contemplate such a possibility?"

"Dorothy might have better luck."

(To be continued.)

The forces of the Sultan of Morocco have been defeated with serious loss on the road to Rabat. After defeating the Zemmour tribe recently, the Sultan's army encountered another rebel force, and a sanguinary fight followed, with the result that the Sherifian ruler was compelled to retire towards Fez.

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VANCOUVER NOTES.

The inland revenue returns for November amounted to $22,391, or $1,488 increase over the revenue for the corresponding month last year.

All differences between the striking operators and the telephone company seem to have been adjusted except the question, practically the recognition of the union or its powers to dictate. The company engaged many non-union hands when their employees struck and guaranteed permanent employment. The union says these employees must be dismissed as non-union members and all the old employees taken back. The telephone company say they will take a number of the old hands back, but not all. The strikers decline to consider this suggestion. The company have promised all the linemen employment at the wages they struck for, and promises the girls increased pay, but they do not wish to dismiss the hands that stood by them in their trouble.

On the request of the board of trade, the government have decided to provide more commodious premises for the postal customs department.

By-laws have been passed by the council preparatory to submission to the people, for the erection of a new jail and fire halls.

During the past summer 974,706 pounds of fruit was shipped to Manitoba from British Columbia, as against 140,980 pounds shipped in 1897. In 1898 there were 798,642 pounds shipped; in 1899 there were 420,258 pounds of fruit shipped; in 1900 there were 702,638 pounds shipped; in 1901 there were 757,446 pounds shipped.

As a result of further defiance to the orders of Justice of the Peace Roderick McRae, of Forsyth, Montana, the entire board of county commissioners, together with the clerk, for the second time, have been thrown into jail for 24 hours, and fined $50 each, owing to election disputes.

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NOTE.—Subscriptions are due and payable from Wednesday, 5th November, 1902, and every Wednesday following, at the Society's office, 15 Trounce Ave.

A. ST. G. FLINT,
Secretary.

Municipal Election, 1903.

Notice is hereby given that in order to qualify as voters at the forthcoming municipal election, either as license holders or householders, such persons are required, during the month of December, to make and subscribe before a Supreme or County Court Judge, Stipendiary or Police Magistrate, Commissioner for taking Affidavits in the Supreme Court, Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, the statutory declaration provided by the "Municipal Elections Act." This declaration may be made before Mr. W. W. Northcott, City Assessor, who is a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Victoria, at his office, City Hall. Assessed real estate owners are not required to make this declaration.

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Victoria, B. C., Nov. 20th, 1902.

NOTICE.

Application will be made by the undersigned at the next meeting of the Board of Licensing Commissioners for the City of Victoria, to be held after the expiration of one month from this date, for the transfer of the license to sell beer, spirits and other fermented liquors by retail at the St. George's Hotel, Esquimalt road, Victoria, from Stephen Harold Roblin and Phillip Crombie to Hugh Simpson, of Esquimalt, British Columbia.

Dated this 5th day of November, 1902.

S. H. ROBLIN.
P. CROMBIE.

Take notice that at the expiration of thirty days from this date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to lease for fishing purposes the foreshore (including the rights attached thereto) in Metchosin District, fronting a part of my property at Pedder Bay: Commencing at a post marked "A. T. W., N. E. Cor.," planted on the shore at a point between high and low water mark at or near the southerly end of the boundary line between the William Head Quarantine Station and my property, thence seaward in continuation of said boundary line one half mile, thence west one half mile, thence north to shore line and easterly along the shore line to place of beginning, and including the foreshore and land covered with water.

Dated at Victoria this 26th day of November, 1902.

A. T. WATT.

Notice is hereby given that thirty days after date I intend to apply to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for a Crown Grant or a lease of the foreshore opposite my land, being a portion of the S. E. quarter of Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, commencing at a point on the eastern boundary of the S. E. ¼ Section 11, Township 11, Renfrew District, which is twenty-two chains eighty-five links south of the N. E. corner of the ¼ Section; thence in a south and westerly direction, following the shore line and crossing the slough at the narrowest point; thence in a southeasterly direction, following the shore line to its intersection with the southern boundary; thence east along such boundary to the middle of the channel; thence in a N. E. direction, following such middle line of channel to the eastern boundary, and thence following eastern boundary to point of commencement.

Dated at Victoria this 27th day of November, 1902.

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NOTICE.

All mineral rights are reserved by the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Company within that tract of land bounded on the south by the south boundary of Comox District, on the east by the Straits of Georgia, on the north by the 50th parallel and on the west by the boundary of the E. & N. Railway Land Grant.

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PERSONAL.

William Gill, inspector of inland revenue for the province, who has left on a business trip to the interior, expects to be back in about two weeks' time. At Vancouver he was joined by Mr. J. E. Miller, collector of inland revenue at that city, and both gentlemen will make the annual inspection of the different inland revenue offices of the interior.

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F. M. Rattenbury, who is the architect employed for the different hotels being erected on the C. P. R., reports work to be progressing satisfactorily. R. Marpole, general superintendent of the C. P. R., left the other day for Field and other points on the line for the purpose of inspecting the work so far performed.

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N. B. Gresley, of the Bank of B. N. A., was among last night's passengers by the Majestic for the Sound. Mr. Gresley has been transferred to the London, Ont., branch of the Bank of B. N. A.

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Joseph Muller, business manager of the Fiddle Dee Dee company, and Miss J. Moore and H. Walters, two of the leading characters, are registered at the Victoria hotel.

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J. Wilson, superintendent of C. P. R. telegraphs, is in the city on business. Mr. Wilson has only recently returned from the East. The Pacific cable is proving eminently satisfactory, he says.

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Geo. Waugh, of Halifax, is at the Vernon. He is on his way to Bamfield Creek, where he will take a position on the staff at the Pacific cable station.

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H. C. Angell, a business man of Grand Forks, after a trip to Washington state, is spending a few days in this city, a guest at the Vernon.

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Among those who will leave for the Sound this evening by the steamer Majestic will be M. K. Rogers and P. Storck.

Rev. Joseph McNeill, of New York, is visiting his brother, Mr. William McNeill, of the department of public works.

J. G. Woods and wife, of Vancouver; Geo. R. Gregg, of Winnipeg; and A. E. Hill, of Chicago, are at the Driard.

E. W. McLean, Chinese interpreter at Vancouver, is visiting the city on business, a guest at the Victoria hotel.

J. Robinson, superintendent of education, has returned after visiting Chilliwack on departmental business.

A. E. Wood, of the Victoria Terminal Railway Company, arrived from the Mainland last evening.

A. A. Davis, a cigar manufacturer, of Nanaimo, is registered at the Victoria hotel.

John Oliver, M. P. P., of Delta, is in the city. He is a guest at the Dominion.

W. H. Higgins, the well known logger of Vancouver, is at the Dominion.

J. Fred. Ritchie, P. L. S., of Rossland, is at the Vernon.

E. J. Palmer, of Chemainus, is a guest at the Imperial.

E. Trist, of San Francisco, is staying at the Dominion.

Mrs. A. Koenig, of Shawnigan, is at the Dominion.

Thos. Pitt, of Duncans, is at the Dominion.

—D. G. S. Quadra returned from Hardy Bay this afternoon, where she has been making a selection for a site for a wharf. One was chosen by G. A. Keefer, Dominion government engineer, and a survey was made by Capt. Walbran, who found that the least depth of water alongside the wharf will be 30 feet. Capt. Walbran reports that the weather throughout the trip was very rough.

—The people of Victoria will shortly have an opportunity to listen to a gifted and prominent lecturer, Dr. Roland D. Grant, who is at present pastor of the First Baptist church, Vancouver. He is to lecture on "Snakes in Paradise," which treated as the doctor is reputed to treat his fanciful subjects, will yield a most pleasant evening. Of fertile imagination, rare fancy and abundant humor, the doctor stands among the first lecturers in the province. It is generally understood that Dr. Grant will shortly leave Canada, as he is under engagement to undertake a six months' lecturing tour in the large centres in the United States.

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GAME AT CANTEEN.

A game is being played this afternoon at the Canteen grounds between the Egeria and Engineer elevens. The former team follows: Goal, Lloyd; backs, Dunn and Donovan; half backs, Phipps, Evans and May; forwards, Yuen, Wrench, Chamberlain, Reynolds and Perkins. Mr. Hodginson will act as referee.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

GAMES POSTPONED.

The matches announced to be played between the senior, intermediate and junior teams at Vancouver next Saturday have been postponed. It is probable that the intermediates and juniors will go to Vancouver to play the Terminal City teams on the 20th, but, according to present arrangements, the seniors will not visit Vancouver until the 16th of January.

This postponement will give the intermediate and junior teams an opportunity to bring off their concert before going to Vancouver. The entertainment will be held in the Institute hall on Thursday, the 18th.

BASKETBALL.

UNEVEN GAME.

The first uneven game of the intermediate league series was contested last evening, when the Fernwood and V. A. C. teams met at the F. Y. M. A. hall rooms. The match resulted in a win for the Fernwood team by a score of 23 to 2. The Fernwood boys put up a splendid game, checking and shooting in grand style, while the V. A. C. five was very weak, largely on account of the loss of two of their principal men, who were unable to take part in the game. The scoring for the Fernwoods was done by Malcolm, Peden and Hancock. For the V. A. C., Porter and Whitlaw scored.

The V. A. C. team follows: Forwards, Porter and Loat; centre, Whitlaw; backs, Smith and Parr.

INDOOR BASEBALL.

SATURDAY'S GAME.

On Saturday evening at the drill hall an indoor baseball match will be played between the V. A. C. and the Fifth Regiment teams. Both aggregations are practicing steadily, and the struggle promises to be very exciting.

Indoor baseball is a new game to Victorians. It is played on exactly the same principle as outdoor baseball, there being a pitcher, catcher, first, second and third basemen, a shortstop and fielders. One difference between the outdoor and indoor game is in the ball. While the ball used outdoors is hard and comparatively small, the ball used indoors is large and soft. The pitcher, although it is impossible to put on a Holness drop or outer, can throw very swiftly. He must throw the ball with his hand below his waist. Although the ball is large, it is very difficult to hit any distance, as a strike, if not made exactly in the centre, results in a foul.

ATHLETICS.

MONTHLY MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the board of management of the James Bay Athletic Association was held last evening, when the following applicants were elected to membership: S. G. Henderson, E. E. Brewer and L. F. Solly.

J. A. McTavish was elected to the committee of management in place of J. Austin, who has resigned. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Austin. Mr. McTavish will act with Messrs. Moresby, Power and Smith on the basketball committee. The resignation of another prominent member of the club, N. B. Gresley, was received. Mr. Gresley has always been one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the club, and his resignation was accepted with regret. Mr. Gresley left the city last night to take a position as accountant at the London, Ont., branch of the Bank of B. N. A.

Communications were read from the Seattle and Spokane Athletic Associations expressing approval of the proposal to form a Northwest Amateur Athletic Association, and stating that delegates would be sent to the meeting for the formation of the association when called. All the clubs which it was the desire of the J. B. A. A. to interest in the project have now answered favorably, and steps, it was decided, will be taken at once to form the association. A special meeting of the Bays is called for next Wednesday evening, when a date and place for the inaugural meeting will be decided upon. The clubs that are giving the J. B. A. A. support in this matter are the Multnomah, of Portland; the Seattle Athletic Club; the Spokane Athletic Association; and the Brockton Point Athletic Association, of Vancouver.

Simms & Company wrote saying that the two new shells ordered by the club were under construction, and would be shipped to Victoria by the Glenalvon in time to arrive here early in the spring.

A meeting will be held next Monday evening for the purpose of winding up the affairs of the recent J. B. A. A. ball.

—The death occurred at the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital yesterday of J. H. Ernest Fawcett. Deceased was 25 years of age and a native of Germany. The funeral is arranged to take place on Saturday afternoon from the parlors of the B. C. Funeral & Furnishing Company.

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4. The easterly 2½ acres of Suburban Lot 46, Esquimalt District, and fronting on Constance Cove.
5. All those portions of Sections XI. and XII., Victoria District, bounded by the Burnside road, Gorge road, the Burnside and Gorge cross road, and the Harriet road, containing about 146 acres (less about 4½ acres already sold). Forty acres of this land are arable, and the balance is pasturage. There is also a 5-acre orchard, 2 six roomed cottages, 3 barns and a stable.
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WRITE BY SOUND:

meek get day eat near
meet make tray cake my keg

TO BE MEMORIZED:

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WRITE:

The lad will meet me in the lane.

READ:

Try to write: Cat, rat, mat, gate, Kate, ear, mere, game, came, ran, law, Ted, dead, eel, gay, kneel, near, rear, etc.

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Sealed tenders addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Post Office fittings, Rossland, B. C.," will be received at this office until Tuesday, 30th December, inclusively, for the construction of Post Office fittings at the Public Building, Rossland, B. C., according to plans and specification to be seen at the office of Wm. Henderson, Victoria, B.C., the office of R. W. Grigor, Rossland, B. C.; at the office of M. W. Crean, Supt. of Yukon Telegraphs, Vancouver, B. C.; and at the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on the form supplied, and signed with the actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable to the order of the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent. (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, must accompany each tender. The cheque will be forfeited if the party decline the contract or fail to complete the work contracted for, and will be returned in case of non-acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,
FRED. GELINAS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 1st December, 1902.

Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Department will not be paid for it.

Notice is hereby given that sixty days from this date I intend making application to the Honorable the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in the Sayward District of British Columbia, viz.: Lot 373 Sayward District, containing 163 acres more or less.

Dated 26th September, 1902.
ADOLPHUS R. THOMAS.

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